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SUBJECT: TENG HSIAO-PING VISIT TO PARIS

1. QUAI POLITICAL DIRECTOR DE LABOULAYE GAVE DCM FOLLOW-
ING RUNDOWN TENG HSIAO-PING VISIT TO FRANCE AFTERNOON
MAY 15.

(A) TRADE

SUBSTANTIVE SESSIONS WITH TENG HSIAO-PING BEGAN WITH TWO
AND ONE-QUARTER HOUR MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC
DURING WHICH DISCUSSIONS DEALT WITH BILATERAL QUESTIONS.
IT WAS AGREED ON BOTH SIDES IT WAS DESIRABLE TO INCREASE
TRADE AND THAT WHILE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAD ALREADY
BEEN MADE MORE NEEDED TO BE DONE.

(B) CULTURE

ON THE CULTURAL SIDE THERE WAS A DESIRE ON BOTH SIDES
TO INCREASE EXCHANGES. THE FRENCH SOUGHT AN AGREEMENT
THAT STUDENTS NOT BE LIMITED TO STUDYING ONLY LANGUAGE
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AND HISTORY BUT ALSO BE PERMITTED TO STUDY SCIENCE IN

CHINA.

(C) CIVIL AVIATION

FRENCH REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION OVERFLY SINKIANG IN SAME MANNER AS CHINESE PRESENTLY PERMIT PAKISTANIS AND IRANIANS. TENG AGREED TO THIS REQUEST ON THE SPOT.

2. SECOND DAY'S SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS WERE WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD AND CONSISTED PREDOMINANTLY OF OVERALL REVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. DE LABOULAYE DESCRIBED TENG'S PRESENTATION AS WELL PRESENTED AND COHERENT AND COMMENTED THAT HE WAS "VERY PUGNACIOUS AGAINST THE SOVIETS." SUBSTANCE OF PRESENTATION AS FOLLOWS:

THERE ARE TWO SUPER POWERS VYING FOR HEGEMONY OVER THE REST OF THE WORLD. THE ONE THAT IS THE MOST DANGEROUS (SOVIETS) ISN'T THE ONE THAT APPEARS TO BE THE MOST DANGEROUS (U.S.). THE SOVIETS POSE FAR AND AWAY THE GREATEST THREAT. WHY IS IT THEY ARE BUILDING UP BOTH STRATEGIC AND CONVENTIONAL FORCES IF THEY DON'T HAVE AN IDEA OF MAKING USE OF THEM. TENG POINTEDLY ASKED WHAT FRENCH WERE DOING IN THE FACE OF THIS SITUATION. WHEN GISCARD REPLIED THAT THEY WERE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO BUILD EUROPE TENG REJOINED THAT THEY MUST DO SO WITH THE UNITED STATES. EXISTING ALLIANCES MUST BE MAINTAINED. TENG COMMENTED THAT ALL THINGS CONSIDERED RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES WERE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN THOSE BETWEEN JAPAN AND CHINA. HE FELT THAT EUROPE WAS DEFENDING THE U.S. JUST AS MUCH AS THE U.S. WAS DEFENDING EUROPE. HE DEPLORED THE CONCEPT OF THE U.S. UNDERTAKING A NUCLEAR UMBRELLA AS A BAD FORMULATION. GROUND TROOPS IN EUROPE WERE ESSENTIAL TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE U.S. KNEW THIS. THEREFORE THERE WAS A BASIS FOR GENUINE EQUALITY AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE U.S. AND EUROPE.

3. ACCORDING TO TENG WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN SOUTHEAST ASIA DID NOT WEAKEN THE U.S. THE REVERSE HAD BEEN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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CASE. HE SAID THAT HE HAD OFTEN REMARKED THAT THE U.S. HAD BEEN OVER-EXTENDED IN THEIR COMMITMENTS. IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE UNITED STATES TO CONCENTRATE ON THE AREAS THAT WERE REALLY IMPORTANT FOR THEM, NAMELY, EUROPE AND JAPAN, WITH WHOM THEY HAVE A FUNDAMENTAL SOLIDARITY. DE LABOULAYE REITERATED THAT TENG'S PRESENTATION HAD BEEN VERY WELL EXPRESSED AND HE HAD PRESENTED A COHERENT PICTURE.

4. CSCE

TENG SAID THAT THE CSCE REPRESENTED A "FALSE DETENTE."
HE HOPED THAT THE FRENCH WERE NOT NAIVE ENOUGH TO
BELIEVE IN IT AND THAT THEY WOULD NOT STOP SPENDING
MONEY TO REINFORCE THEIR MILITARY STRENGTH. HE URGED

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THEM TO IN FACT INCREASE THE RESOURCES DEVOTED TO
DEFENSE. DE LABOULAYE COMMENTED THAT THIS PORTION OF
TENG'S PRESENTATION WAS VERY MUCH LIKE "SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S BURDEN-SHARING SPEECH."

5. ASIAN SECURITY PACT

IF FOLLOWING ANY CSCE AGREEMENT SOVIETS AGAIN ATTEMPT
TO DUST OFF THEIR ASIAN SECURITY PACT TENG SAID THEY
WOULD FIND NO ONE IN ASIA WHO WOULD ACCEPT IT. FOR ITS
PART, CHINA WAS NOT SERIOUSLY CONCERNED WITH SOVIET
ATTEMPTS TO ENCIRCLE IT. HE BELIEVED THE REAL INTENTION

OF THE SOVIETS IN THIS REGARD WAS TO UNDERMINE THE
UNITED STATES POSITION.

6. IN RESPONSE TO DCM'S QUESTION DE LABOULAYE SAID
TENG'S VISIT WOULD RESULT IN NO FORMAL AGREEMENTS AND
THERE WOULDN'T EVEN BE A COMMUNIQUE. HOWEVER, THERE
WAS AN UNDERSTANDING THAT HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS TO
DISCUSS POLITICAL ISSUES WOULD BE HELD AS OFTEN AS
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NECESSARY AND ALWAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SESSIONS. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT A FURTHER ROUND OF
CULTURAL TALKS IN GREATER DETAIL WOULD TAKE PLACE
BEFORE THE END OF 1975. FINALLY, THERE WAS AGREEMENT TO
SET UP A MIXED ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. TENG ENDORSED
FRENCH VIEWS REGARDING THE NEED FOR A PRODUCERS-
CONSUMERS DIALOGUE AND THE NEED FOR SUCH A DIALOGUE AT
SOME POINT TO EXTEND TO RAW MATERIALS AS WELL. VIEWS
WERE EXCHANGED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF INCREASING THE
PURCHASING POWER OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES.
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